

extended up to 31.3.2007 to meet committed liabilities. During the last five years, no funds were provided to Goa under the centrally sponsored schemes to create sports infrastructure. Accordingly the State Government would have to fund such projects out of their own resources, or seek support from the Planning Commission in the State Plan.

(c) and (d) The Sports Authority of India (SAI), with the support of the Union Government, operates a number of sports coaching and training schemes such as the National Sports Talent Contest Scheme (NSTCS) and the SAI Training Centre Scheme (STCS). Under the NSTCS, training is being imparted in football in Navodya Vidyalyaya, Canacona. Similarly under the STCS, the Goa STC imparts training in different disciplines such as boxing, football, taekwondo, judo, athletics, kabaddi and swimming at Ponda, Mapusa (Peddem) and Margoa (Fatorda). Around 250 sportspersons are receiving training under the above mentioned schemes in Goa.

Establishment of coaching centres in Goa

3189. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme/schemes for establishment of coaching centres is/are in force in the State of Goa;

(b) the essential features of the schemes;

(c) the projects undertaken/implemented under the schemes during the last five years in the State of Goa; and

(d) the financial assistance granted to the State during the last five years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The following Schemes of the Sports Authority of India (SAI) are in operation in the State of Goa:—

National Sports Talent Contest Scheme (NSTC): Under the scheme, talented young children in the age group 8-14 years are spotted and nurtured by providing scientific training. The main concept of the scheme is to PLAY & STUDY in the same school. The facilities provided under the

Scheme include scientific coaching, exposure to competitions, equipment grant to the school, stipend @ Rs. 3000/- per month for 10 months, and sports kits to each trainee. Specific schools are adopted under the Scheme.

SAI Training Centre (STC): The objectives of the Scheme is to impart scientific training to sportspersons in age group 14-19 year who have attained the minimum required level of sports proficiency. The Scheme has both residential and non-residential components. The facilities provided are more or less on the same lines as NSTC with higher levels of assistance in the case of the residential component. Unlike NSTC under which schools are adopted, STCs directly train selected sportspersons.

(c) The Navodaya Vidyalaya Canacona has been covered under the NSTC; STCs are in operation at Ponda, Mapusa (Peddem) and Margoa (Fatorda).

(d) No financial grant is provided to the State Government under the Schemes. However, during the last years, SAI has been spent following the amounts on meeting the expenditure on Boarding/Lodging Competition Exposure, Sports Kits, Sports Equipment, Educational Expenses, Medical/ Insurance Expenses & Maintenance of the STCs in the State of Goa:—

2002-03	Rs. 31,06,557
2003-04	Rs. 36,10,264
2004-05	Rs. 37,46,903
2005-06	Rs. 43,79,903
2006-07	Rs. 52,52,864

Monitoring of Indian cricket team

3190. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that International Cricket matches especially when Indian Cricket Team is playing a particular match, becomes a national prestige and winning or losing evokes public frenzy and in the event of Indian team's defeat, the Players are solely blamed;

(b) if so, how such an attitude towards players is justified when Cricket administrators, selectors, trainers, lack of congenial environments, near